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SUBJECT: U.S. CUSTOMS DOG HANDLER SCHOOL NO. 1 (76-1)

1. DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 22, 1976 TO JUNE 18, 1976, THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG TRAINING CENTER, LOCATED IN FRONT ROYAL, VIRGINIA, WILL CONDUCT A COURSE IN NARCOTIC DOG HANDLING FOR FOUR PARTICIPANTS. THE COURSE WILL BE TAUGHT IN SPANISH.

2. THIS IS A "HANDS ON" COURSE SIMILAR TO THE COURSE GIVEN U.S. CUSTOMS DOG HANDLERS. THE PARTICIPANT WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A SELECTED DOG WHICH WILL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF COLOMBIA UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE. BY THE END OF THE COURSE THE TEAM OF MAN AND DOG WILL BE EXPECTED TO BE EFFECTIVE IN LOCATING HEROIN, COCAINE, AND CANNIBUS DERIVATIVES CONCEALED IN AUTOS, AIRCRAFT, VESSELS, FREIGHT, AND BAGGAGE.

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3. U.S. CUSTOMS WILL ACCEPT TWO PARTICIPANTS FROM COLOMBIA

UPON ASSURANCE THAT THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA ARE MET: 1) THE PARTICIPANTS MUST CURRENTLY BE WORKING AS DOG HANDLERS WITH NO LESS THAN ONE YEAR OF EXPERIENCE, 2) THE PARTICIPANTS MUST REMAIN WITH THEIR DOGS AS ANTI-NARCOTIC TEAMS UPON THEIR RETURN TO COLOMBIA, 3) THE ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

PROVIDING THE PARTICIPANT SHOULD SATISFY THE MISSION THAT THE TEAM WILL BE MAINTAINED AND UTILIZED IN A MANNER APPROPRIATE WITH REDUCING NARCOTICS FLOW ORIGINATING IN OR TRANSITTING THROUGH COLOMBIA.

4. SINCE RELATIVELY FEW PARTICIPANTS WILL BE TRAINED DURING THE YEAR, CUSTOMS WOULD LIKE A RESPONSE BY FEBRUARY 27 IN ORDER TO ASSURE A FULL CLASS.

5. ROUTE ALL RESPONSES TO ALLSHOUSE, INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D.C. INGERSOLL

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